Why Recycle?

Recycling is the process of collecting, sorting, marketing and ultimately reusing a material that otherwise would have been thrown away. Frederick County has been pursuing the goal of recycling more and wasting less since 1991.

- State law now requires property owners/ managers and council of condominium owners to provide recycling service to all residents of buildings with ten or more units.
- Recycling may provide opportunities to save money on overall waste disposal costs.
- Recycling helps conserve resources and landfill space. It also helps reduce pollution and create more jobs. (Source: EPA)
- Providing recycling helps promote your community as environmentally-friendly and may help attract residents to your property.

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Understanding State Regulations and Local Recycling Opportunities

What Can Be Recycled?

- Metal, plastic and glass containers
- Paper and cardboard
- Trash bags are not recyclable. All materials should be placed loose in dumpsters/carts.
 Recyclables are sent for sorting and may not be bagged. (With the exception of recyclable plastic bags, which should be gathered in one bag, and shredded paper, which should be placed in a paper bag or box.)

Detailed information on Frederick County's recycling program, including lists of acceptable and unacceptable materials, may be found online at: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle as well as downloaded in a convenient mobile app:

www.my-waste.mobi/FrederickMD

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HOW THE STATE LAW AFFECTS YOU

What is the Law?

Both the State of Maryland and Frederick County have set targets to divert more waste from disposal. Ensuring that residents living in multifamily units have access to recycling supports these goals.

During the 2012 Regular Session, the Maryland General Assembly enacted a new provision requiring owners/managers of apartment buildings or councils of unit owners of condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling, on or before October 1, 2014. The legislation also requires that multifamily recycling be done in accordance with the County Recycling Plan and authorizes a county to require reporting of such recycling activities. A complete reading of the law's text can be found by online by searching for the MD Annotated Code, Environment Section 9-1711.

What is Your Responsibility?

Apartment and condominium officials are responsible for:

- Providing recycling service to the residents of each building no later than October 1, 2014.
- Securing and managing contracts for providing material collection/recycling service for all building locations.
- Providing clearly marked collection bins for recyclable materials and containers for transporting the materials off site. (May be provided by the contracted recycling hauler.)

Multi-family properties with ten or more units must have recycling service in place by 10 / 1 / 2014.

Frederick County Government's Role

The Department of Solid Waste Management provides the following services:

- Management of the Frederick County landfill and all related facilities, including the County's solid waste transfer station. Access to the transfer station makes single-stream recycling possible for commercial entities. Recyclable materials brought to this facility are currently processed for a tipping fee of \$25 per ton, a significantly lower rate than is charged when waste is dropped off for disposal.
- Compilation of recycling data for annual reporting to the Maryland Dept. of the Environment. To assist with this effort, apartment and condominium owners will be asked to submit their building's annual recycling data to the county. Regular, accurate reporting is necessary for monitoring progress towards the County and State's legislated waste diversion goals.
- Provide commercial/multi-family properties with access to educational outreach materials, including print-ready poster and flyer templates to help residents understand the local single-stream recycling program.

Getting Started:

1 Set Up Service

Arrange a recycling contract with a waste hauler. You may be able to decrease the frequency of trash collection or size of dumpster, since a great deal of typical household waste is recyclable. Use our business recycling guide to help find a hauler (available online for no charge: FrederickCountyMD.gov/multifamily).

Place Collection Containers

Determine what size/how many recycling containers are needed and where they will go. Remember that you may be able to downsize your waste collection containers once recycling begins.

3 Educate Tenants

To ensure success, make sure residents know what is recyclable and which containers to place materials in. We offer downloadable flyers, templates for adhesive labels and printable poster files for no charge, as well as our complete guide for business waste management, all available on the county website:

FrederickCountyMD.gov/multifamily

For additional information on programs of the Frederick County Office of Recycling, please call 301-600-2960, or send email to recycle@FrederickCountyMD.gov



